

AGENDA

NACBS Council

Thursday, November 1, 2001

Meeting called to order at 4:10

Present: Linda Levy Peck, Brian Levack, Martin Wiener, John Hutcheson, Michael Moore, Robert Tittler, Robert Bucholz, Julie Noblitt, Larry Witherell, Angela Woollacott, Barbara Harris, Nancy Ellenberger, Cynthia Herrup, Emily Tabuteau, Fred Leventhal, Eric Carlson, Peter Hansen, Peter Weiler, Nick Rogers, James Epstein, David Savage, David Cannadine

Welcome from President Linda Levy Peck

1. Approval of minutes from Council Meeting of October 12, 2000

MSP Wiener/Leventhal

2. Treasurer's Report(Baer): A detailed written report is on file

MSP/Leventhal/Tabuteau

Discussion of ways to enhance membership

Series options: 1) UCP will provide lists of members, lapsed members, e-mail addresses, etc., to keep in touch with members & send reminders; 2) Program issues – Draconian – check prior to press, & if not a member, paper will be dropped/Draconian light – can join at conference; 3) All members of Council, & NACBS committees must be members

Possibility that conference registration includes membership for all attendees – further discussion

3. Reports from the journals

a. *JBS*(Epstein, Rogers) – A written report is on file – ***MSP/Wiener/Tabuteau***

discussion took place about how to increase Medieval submissions to *JBS*

b. *JBS* marketing and Circulation Report (Noblitt) – a written report is on file

c. *Albion* (Moore) – A written report is on file

MSP/Wiener/Leventhal

discussion of new brochure

d. *British Studies Intelligencer* (Tabili) – ***MSP/Leventhal/Savage***

Executive Committee recommendation is that *BSI* be folded into the Web & that Peter Hansen and Laura Tabili discuss what needs to be maintained

MSP/Wiener/Levack – to cease publication of *BSI* in hard copy in Fall 2002 at the end of Laura Tabili's term as editor

MSP/Leventhal/Wiener – to create a subcommittee consisting of Martin Wiener, Peter Hansen, & Eric Carlson to think through a replacement on-line publication for *BSI* and to seek a potential editor.

4. Program Committee Report (Woollacott) – a written report is on file

MSP/Leventhal/Tabuteau

MSP/Wiener/Tittler – to expand the size of the program committee and that it should include a medievalist

5. Reports on venues for future meeting

2004 – Possible site for MACBS is Philadelphia at cost of \$139/night

MSP/Leventhal/Wiener – in favor of going to Philadelphia & sending Nancy & Mary to renegotiate with Sheraton & identify a cheaper hotel (limited # of rooms) as an alternative venue

2002 – Baltimore, Nov 8-10

2003 – Portland, Oct. 23-25

6. Announcement of Election results -- a written report is on file

7. Announcement of prize and fellowship recipients -- a written report is on file

MSP/Leventhal/Tabuteau to accept both 6 & 7 reports

8. NACBS Archives – has arrived at GWU and now it's time to settle with Gelman Library issues of administrations, access, intellectual property rights, and copyrights

MSP/Leventhal/Tabuteau to accept language of proposed agreement as amended – a copy of this proposal was submitted

9. Report on Survey of Faculty at Teaching Colleges and Universities (Carlson)

Exec's reaction to: The Executive Committee supported the following recommendations contained in the report: 1) the suggestion that *Albion* consider publish more 'state of the field' articles on various pedagogical issues in British Studies; 2) the recommendation that pedagogical panels be encouraged on the annual NACBS program; 3) the recommendation to establish a 'syllabus bank' on the NACBS website. The Executive Committee were unable to support the recommendation that would guarantee Council membership from an undergraduate teaching institution, although it did concur that recruitment of faculty from undergraduate teaching institutions to leadership positions in NACBS or on NACBS committees should be encouraged.

MSP/Wiener/Leventhal to thank Eric for his report

10. Report on Canadian portfolio(Tittler)
Canadian British Council will fund (for 2 years) undergraduate essay prize in British Studies --- \$1000 for 10/\$100 prizes in each year

11. Report from Webmaster (Hansen) – a written report is on file
MSP/Wiener/Tittler to accept the report

12. Electronic publication of *JBS* (Noblitt)
MSP/Harris/Hutcheson to endorse electronic publication plans

13. **Report from the IHR**(Cannadine)
IHR has raised 3 million pounds; including pre-&dissertation fellowships funded for 3 years by the Mellon Foundation for North America
Leverhulme Trust has donated to establish professorship in Contemporary British History at IHR
Still trying to raise money for a variety of initiatives
Anglo-American in Summer 2002 about Writing the Past (50th anniv. of *Past and Present* – Plenary speaker will be Eric Hobsbawm)

14. IHR memberships for NACBS members – The Executive Committee reported on its proposal to distribute these memberships

motion to adjourn at 8:20 Tittler/Savage